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THE PILLAR THE TRUTH

## LIVING FLOWERS

*By CLEMMA PEEBLER*

"You have a wonderful mother,"
  A voice was heard to say.
'Twas like a rose on a casket,
  Wherein a loved one lay.

The speaker was one of wisdom,
  For by the words she said,
She gave a sweet word-blossom
  To the living, not the dead.

Kind words are garlands of roses,
  That never fade or die;
They will bring a rich fruition
  In the land beyond the sky.

Then sow with hand unsparing,
  And reap great sheaves of love,
To bring to the feet of Jesus,
  At the harvest time above.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20 1 TIM. 3:15

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"The words of the pure are pleasant words."
Proverbs 15:26b.

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# Notices

### Special

We are happy to announce that we have been able to enlarge our broadcast again and we will be broadcasting on an additional station. This makes three stations on the hookup of the South Georgia network now. We have been broadcasting simultaneously over WGOV, Valdosta, and WMGA, Moultrie, the past year. April 9 we added station WMJM, Cordele, to the network and will be broadcasting the same time over that station each Sunday afternoon. Tune in to WGOV, Valdosta, 1450; WMGA, Moultrie, 1400; WMJM, Cordele, 1490, at 3:05-4:00 p. m. EWT or 2:05-3:00 p. m. CWT.—L. O. Peck, Box 22, Valdosta, Ga.

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If you are a member of the Church of God and live in or near Fairfield or Suisun, Calif., or have friends or relatives in Service here, whom you would like for us to visit, please contact Merle H. Greene, pastor at Suisun, Box 745, Fairfield, Calif.

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To those in Northern California district, who are interested in a Church of God in your town, especially Sacramento, Stocton, Vallejo, or any other field where there in an opportunity, contact H. A. Scott, Box 60, Richmond, Calif., phone 4858-W.

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To all those in San Francisco, Calif., and vicinity, there is a Church of God being established there for your convenience of worship. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Location: 4061 24th St., in the Willopi Hall in the Noe Valley district. For further information contact Mrs. Callie Evortt, pastor, 151 Duncan St., San Francisco, Calif.

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### For Sale

I have two tents for sale—one forty feet round and one forty by sixty. Both are brand new tents.—L. P. Shaw, Box 248, Valdosta, Ga.

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To those living around the neighborhood of Richmond, San Pablo, etc., you are invited to attend the Church of God, Market and Tyler Streets, in the San Pablo district of Richmond. If you have friends or relatives in this district, inform them of the church.—H. A. Scott, pastor, Box 60, San Pablo, Calif., phone 4858-W, Richmond, Calif.

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TENNESSEE

Cleveland (North), over WBLJ, Dalton, Ga., 1230 Kc. Each Sunday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. James L. Slay, pastor.

Chattanooga (East), over WAPO, Chattanooga, 1150 Kc. Each weekday from 11:00-11:30 a.m. except Saturday. Each Sunday from 7:00-7:30 a.m.; 11:00-12:00 a.m. D. B. Yow, pastor.

Chattanooga (North), over WAPO, Chattanooga, 1150 Kc. Each Saturday from 12:30-1:00 p.m. A. H. Batts, pastor.

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VIRGINIA

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Welch district, over station WBRW, 1300 Kc. Each Sunday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. J. K. DeGolyer, clerk.

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## REVIVAL

BAYARD, W. Va.—A revival just closed Wednesday night, March 1. The revival lasted two weeks and three days. Brother H. P. Stump, of Danville, Va., was the evangelist. He is a fine man and a good evangelist. Nine were saved, four sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Our pastor, C. F. Burton, a good man of God, is taking steps to increase interest in the church and is doing a good work. The church here is in good condition, both spiritually and financially. Pray for us.—Z. H. Moon, clerk.


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# The Ministry Gifts of Christ

By E. C. CLARK

1. *Apostles*

(a) Required to have seen the Lord. Acts 1:22.

(b) Their commission. Matt. 10:5-8; Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6.

(c) Their parish—the whole world. Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15.

(d) Their supernatural authority. Matt. 10:8; Mark 6:7, 13; Luke 9:1, 2.

(e) Their powers of organization. Acts 2:42; 5:1-16; 6:6; 8:14; 10:44-48; 11:21, 22, 27-30; 15:2, 13-32.

2. *Prophets*

(a) Endowed with supernatural knowledge of the Word of God. Acts 21:11; Rev. 1:10.

(b) To assist apostles in laying the foundation of the Church. Eph. 2:20; 3:5.

(c) To edify, to console, to comfort the Church.

(d) To guide the Church by the infallible Word relative to the will of God. 2 Peter 1:19; Rev. 1:10; 4:2; Eph. 2:20; 3:5.

3. *Evangelists*

(a) To announce the glad tidings that Christ died upon the cross in the sinner's stead. Luke 9:6; 20:1; Acts 14:7; Rom. 15.

(b) To preach Christ as Savior to the lost.

(c) To evangelize within the Church and to endeavor to open churches in new fields. Acts 8:5.

4. *Pastors*

(a) To watch over the flock; to superintend.

(b) To carry young converts (lambs) in his bosom, upon his heart in prayer. Isa. 40:11. See Exod. 28:30.

(c) To compassionately lead the Church in the way of truth and right. John 10:7-21.

5. *Teachers*

(a) To call to balance and to harmonize the voice of the prophets.

(b) To provide rationable understanding relative to redemption through Christ.

(c) To assist in perfecting the saints.

(d) To light the candle of understanding in the hearts of the unlearned.

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers," Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:28. Here the Head of the Church, the Savior of the body, the great High Priest over the house of God, is seen bestowing upon the Church, or rather setting within it, certain gifted men for its edification and perfection. It was prophesied of Christ in Psalms 68:18 that He would lead captivity captive, and that He would ascend upon high to receive gifts for men; and here He who received gifts for men is seen distributing these gifted men, endowed with the power of the Holy Spirit, as needed throughout the Church, which is His body and which is to become "the fulness of him that filleth all in all," Eph. 1:23. It was He who had led captivity captive and ascended upon high that "shed forth this, which ye now see and hear," Acts 2:33; and who now gives unto the Church men with spiritual enablements to lead the Church in triumph against Satan.

## THE APOSTLE

Foremost of these gifts was that of the apostle, the meaning of which is ambassador (2 Cor. 5:20), one who not only carries a message but who also represents the sender. (1) "Apostle," in single and plural forms, occurs in the Gospels nine times and in Acts and the epistles sixty-nine times. The word is made up from "apo," meaning away from; and "stello," meaning to send off; send away; i. e., to send away from the source or presence of the sender. The apostolic office is magnified in the fact that our great High Priest was the outstanding example, and in whom this office had its spiritual origin in its highest sense. Heb. 3:1. (2) "Apostle" means one ordered to go to a place appointed, ordinarily sent with a commission, which had its truest compliments in the "very frequent" claims made by Jesus that God sent Him. Matt. 10:40; Mark 9:37; Luke 10:16; John 5:36. These claims are attested by the scriptures throughout, John 3:16; 10:36; 17:18; 1 John 4:9, and elsewhere. He in turn appointed and sent the twelve. Mark 6:7; Matt. 10:16; Luke 22:35; John 20:21. They were charged with the responsibility of preaching the gospel unto all nations, Matt. 28:19; and to every creature in the world, Mark 16:15.

So far we have concerned ourselves only with the calling of the twelve; there were, however, others who were called apostles, especially Paul and Barnabas, first called such in Acts 14:4, 14. Paul calls himself an apostle nineteen times, and defends his claim in 1 Cor. 9 and 2 Cor. 12. 1 Thess. 1:1 and 2:6 will bear a comparison of Paul's claims, where Paul associates Silvanus and Timothy with himself. See also Andronicus and Junia, in Rom. 16:7. I am not saying the office of the apostle continues today, but here is ground for thought. I will say that the world was never more in need of a ministry that is truly apostolic than it is today. Added to the above, we have also the word "apostlos" (Gr.) in 2 Cor. 8:23 and Phil. 2:25, where Titus and Epaphroditus are mentioned as apostles of the church. However, in Rev. 21:14 only the twelve apostles are mentioned.

## QUALIFICATIONS

The first qualification of the apostle was to "have seen the Lord," Luke 24:48; Acts 1:8, 22; 1 Cor. 1:9, as the first duty of the apostle was to give witness of the Lord's resurrection, Acts 2:32. Certain others mentioned as apostles would not qualify on this point, as to personal contact. A second qualification was the "signs of an apostle—such as patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds," 2 Cor. 12:12. See also 1 Cor. 9:2 and Mark 16:17.

The work of an apostle was to preach the gospel and to act as an ambassador for and on behalf of Christ. They were commanded to teach "all nations" and "every creature." Though it is not authoriatively stated that the apostles divided up the nations among themselves, it follows that it was decided at a conference (Gal. 2:9) that certain of them should go to the Jews and that Paul and Barnabas should go to the Gentiles. It will be recalled that Paul laid claim to an apostleship of the Gentiles. 1 Tim. 2:7; Rom. 11:13. It was also a consistent and major part of the work of an apostle that he lay down the foundation of the truth of the gospel; that upon this foundation others might safely build. Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 3:10. Therefore, we have from Paul the revelation of the mystery of the gospel and the Church in Eph. 3:5, as a work wrought by the Holy Spirit. John 16:12-15. Notice particularly that "another buildeth" thereupon, 1 Cor. 3:10, and ye "are built," Eph. 2:20.

# RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

### The Bible Tried by Jewish Judge

Dr. Harry Rimmer was charged with putting an advertisement in the *Herald Tribune*, offering one thousand dollars to anyone who could prove a scientific error in the Bible. William Floyd, an atheist, said there were many errors, and wrote for the thousand dollars. Dr. Rimmer had not put the ad in the paper; someone had done so but Dr. Rimmer knew nothing about it. William Floyd sued for the thousand dollars. The case was tried before a fine Jewish judge. The Bible was aired out, but the judge dismissed the case as the complaintant had failed to prove a single error. This book, "The Bible Defeats Atheism," price 25c, at the Church of God Publishing House.

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### Japanese Victory 'Terrible Loss' to Missions

(STOCKHOLM)—A Japanese victory would mean "a terrible loss" to Christian missions in Asia, Dr. Gustaf Lindeberg, Sweden's leading missionary expert, warned here in a statement to the press. On the other hand, Dr. Lindeberg declared, an Allied success would prove a great boon to missionary enterprise throughout the entire Oriental field. Japan now exercises control over 400,000,000 "subjects," among whom are 230,000,000 Chinese, the missionary leader estimated. There is considerable fear, he added, among the 2,500,000 evangelical Christians in occupied territories.

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### Spiritualism

The editor of *Midnight Cry*, writing on World Events, gives us the following:

"This war is giving impetus to a consciousness of the supernatural, but, sad to say, that consciousness is being perverted into superstitution as a substitute for faith in God. Instead of turning to God and the Bible, millions instead have followed the devil's leadings into believing in spiritualism, astrology, palmistry, numerology, in the power of amulets and in endless forms of magic.

"Spiritualism particularly is flourishing. During the past month such magazines as *Liberty, Coronet*, and *Magazine Digest* carried articles on the subject. One of them tells about Britain's Air Chief Marshall, Sir Caswall Tremenheere Dowding, former chief of the RAF's Fighter Command during England's critical days. Sir Hugh is a firm believer in spiritualism and now spends much of his time lecturing on the subject. He gets his messages from beyond, he says, 'through the good offices of Colonel Gascoigne, who died a few years ago' and whose good daughter, Mrs. Hill, writes them down 'by submitting her pencil to the control of the communicating spirit.'"

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### Antichrist

It has been the opinion of writers and teachers that spiritualism would increase in the last days; and with this, scripture is in accord. 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1. The growth of spiritualism has for many years been a warning and a threat to the progress of the church. Man is designed to worship and to believe in the invisible; and is indwelt with powers receptive to both evil and good. In his depraved and fallen state he is most susceptible to evil; therefore, those who can, without consecrating their lives unto God, and who can continue to live in sin, and at the same time find some form of communication with the invisible world, will accept and practice spiritualism instead of preparing their hearts for the truth of the gospel and to be inhabited by the Holy Spirit. The false prophet and antichrist both are to spring from the same source of power and manifestation as that of spiritualism, which is a manifestation of satanic power through his agents, of which the whole final say, the summary and complete embodiment of evil, will manifest itself in antichrist and the false prophet, called the lie, called that wicked. John 8:44; 2 Thess. 2:8. The Church needs now an endowment of power from on high as it has never needed it since the days of Christ upon earth.

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### Russia Deals Falsely

with her allies, according to a statement made by Victor A. Kravchenko, an official of the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Washington, who resigned because his government was "double-crossing" the United Nations. Mr. Kravchenko stated that he could not "tolerate continued oppression of the Russian people." He further commented that "Russia outwardly indicated it was collaborating with the democracies, but that it was pursuing "aims incompatible with such collaboration." "I can no longer face those double-faced political maneuvers," said the resignation of Kravchenko, who holds a captain's rank in the Red army.

The Russian, head of the metals division of the Soviet Purchasing Commission, placed himself "under the protection of American public opinion," he said, in offering his resignation.

Kravchenko, who has held many important positions in Russia, has been a member of the Communist party since 1929, and has been in the United States since last August, denounced the Soviet regime and its leaders, because, he said, "they are in reality following a concealed policy of their own, designed to accomplish purposes at variance with their public professions."

The Soviet government has dissolved the Communist International, but only in form, he said, adding, "in reality Moscow has continued to support its Communist party affiliates in many countries."

"The Soviet policy in the Balkans and Czechoslovakia is pictured to the world as a guarantee of the future welfare and cooperation of the peoples of Europe—in reality it has quite different ends.

"The Russian people are subjected, as before, to unspeakable oppression and cruelties, while the NKVD (Society Secret Police) acting through its thousands of spies, continues to wield its unbridled domination over the peoples of Russia. In the territories cleared of the Nazi invaders, the Soviet government is re-establishing its political regime of lawlessness and violence. While prisons and concentration camps continue to function, as before."

This report is quite well borne out by the happenings as we know them. War, it is said, makes "strange bedfellows." I fear these strange "bedfellows" will have another war after the present war is supposed to be over.

# Consider the White Harvests

*By J. A. WHITLOW*

Text: *"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."*—Acts 10:34, 35.

The story of Cornelius' experience at Caesarea unfolds to us one of the greatest missionary activities ever recorded in history. The Jews were reluctant to associate God's spiritual attributes with the Gentiles, classifying them as dogs and outcasts, thinking the Lord only sent His power and good pleasure upon their own nation.

We should praise God for Cornelius, a devout man, who prayed and feared God. This great Gentile believer prayed into existence the birth of a missionary spirit that brought the blessed Holy Ghost to himself and to his household. In amazement, Peter saw these Gentiles filled with the Holy Ghost, thus settling in his mind forever that there was no respect of persons with God, but would have all men come to the knowledge of the truth.

Now as we approach the convention season, I am wondering how our fellow ministers feel concerning our mission work. As for myself, my soul is profoundly stirred. My heart goes out to the underprivileged. My whole being seems to be anticipating great reports of evangelistic efforts, not just locally but all over the whole world. Our commission is very emphatic. We are to give this glorious gospel to all the world. We can do it through prayer and giving of our means.

Some may say we are going too far with our mission program, rendering hardships upon our people by raising large mission offerings. I feel that we have reached the place in God where it is a pleasure to give to this all-important cause because Christ gave His all; and if there are those of us who are complaining, think of God's offering to the mission field—His only begotton Son. Think of the Son's offering to the mission field—His own dear body nailed to the old rugged cross, with every drop of that sacred blood pouring down, that the nations of the whole world might be redeemed. Then think of our dear fellow ministers who have given up good churches, their family ties, their homeland associations, and all that they loved dearly, to sail over the deep blue into countries unknown, customs unknown and many of them to sacrifice their lives for the sake of lost souls. Then some of us say we are running the mission program into the ground. Shame on you, preacher. Let us pray through and offer God to the whole world. If we don't the Lord will be disappointed with our works.

In Matt. 9:37 and 38, Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Christ was always moved by the multitudes. He was touched by the need and lack of the throngs. Their poverty, their suffering and limitations were always matters of deep concern to Him. What do you think Jesus saw in the great throngs of humanity? He saw more than mere numbers. He looked deeper down than their heads. A lot of us are guilty of coveting heads and numbers. Jesus saw their hearts. He looked at the need of their souls. He saw the souls of men as diamonds in the rough. It is little wonder that He was often found by the pool where men were healed, in the sickroom, out where the lepers and the beggers were to be found. He was always drawn by their afflictions.

Our government is looking for numbers. Millions are in uniform to act on the great field of battle. Our country needs to pray and catch a vision of the souls of men. Prayer will do more to bring peace than all the great armies and implements of warfare. If we don't quit sinning, turn back to God, and begin to pray, we hate to visualize what will happen to our world. It has been said that Japan first called for our missionaries to preach Christ to them. We failed to answer the call. Now they have called for boys to meet them in this awful conflict, and many of our dear American boys have died at the hand of this fanatical foe. I trust if God does see fit to give us temporary peace again before the great tribulation, that the Church of God will be financially able to send the gospel to the whole world. We must do our best to save the heathen before the judgment of that great day.

You may ask what would Jesus have us see in the great masses of humanity. Are they loathesome to you? Mexicans, Negroes, waifs of the street, and fallen outcasts. Do they have any meaning to you? They did for Christ. They were to Christ as sheep without a shepherd. Can we see them through His eyes? They were to Him as the harvest overripe, ready to perish, and nobody to reap it. They meant more to Him than silver and gold, and He would have us see them as He does.

The Bible says if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His. Christ truly had a missionary spirit. We must not lose this spirit. Let us lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

St. John 4:3 records, "He left Judea and departed again into Galilee. And he must needs go through Samaria." This was because He wanted to save the woman of Samaria, thus the great MUST. This same great MUST stirs our hearts today. God's willing men and willing women have heard the call of the vast mission field. This grave responsibility has fallen upon us and we must needs go to the ends of the earth with this message, because souls are groping in darkness.

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# The Original Sin and Its Cure

Many questions have sprung up in the minds of thinkers in regard to sin, its origin, its existence, and its cure, and many theories have been offered by different schools of thought; but the Christian and correct view of the origin of sin, is that it came into existence through the wrong choice of a free moral agent. Sin, according to the Scriptures, entered into the world through the disobedience of our foreparents in the Garden of Eden. It was brought about through a lie, and we must be saved from it through the truth. Sin is a willful transgression of a known law, and the decision to do wrong in our foreparents created an evil state of heart, and resulted in an evil action. It is as John Fletcher said, "Inbred sin is the capital and most mischievous work of the devil." It stands that the planting of sin in the fountainhead of humanity was the master stroke of the enemy. In this he destroyed the righteous nature of Adam, and infused his own nature into him, which is inclined to evil continually.

### SIN TRANSMITTED

Adam lost his holy nature, it being destroyed by sin, and then we are told that Adam "begat a son in his own likeness, after his image," Gen. 5:3, and so he transmitted sin to his posterity, and as Paul said, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," Rom. 5:12. So then all that is born of Adam is under sin, or have inherited the sin principle of carnality. Paul describes it, "The sin that dwelleth in me," Rom. 7:17. Again he refers to it as "the old man," Rom. 6:6. Again he brands it as the "law of sin and death," Rom. 8:2. In Rom. 8:8 he speaks of it as "the flesh." This does not refer to the body, but the fleshness of the carnal mind. All were born with this sin principle except Christ, and He was without original sin, being begotten by the Holy Spirit, and was designated in Genesis as "the seed of the woman." This soul, without sin, not coming under the penalty of death for sin, could act as a substitute for guilty humanity, having no debt of His own.

### CARNALITY IS A SPIRITUAL MALADY

The Calvinistic theory teaches that sin is inherent in the body, or the physical being, and that the cure for the original sin is death. If this is true, then Calvinism is consistent in maintaining that we are only to be delivered through death. But original sin is not in the body, it is in the soul. Calvinism mislocates carnality, and hence fails to prescribe the right remedy. Paul does not teach that sin resides in the body, but plainly teaches that every sin that a man doeth is without the body, and that the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost and must be presented to the Lord a living sacrifice. 1 Cor. 6:18, 19; Rom. 12:1, 2.

### THE NEW BIRTH BEFORE SANCTIFICATION

The reason we should be born again is not because we were born with sin in us, but because we were born without the divine life in us. Adam, having lost the divine life when he died spiritually in Eden, could not transmit to us what he did not have. So the new birth, or regeneration, really is a recreation, or restoration. It is the first step towards gaining what we lost in Adam. Jesus told Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," John 3:3. So then we understand that there must be a new creature come into existence before one can see into the kingdom of God. What we are really taught that happens in the new birth is regeneration, or a "new creation," 2 Cor. 5:17. Justification—we are justified of our sins committed. Acts 13:39. Adoption—we are adopted in the family of God. Rom. 5:1; John 1:12; Rom. 8:15.

### THE COUNTERLIFE SET UP

After the new birth, we find ourselves strangely possessed with two natures—the new life longing for God, the new man to sin and death. This and the old man striving to subject may seem repulsive to think of, sin being resident in the heart of the regenerated, but this is the state of affairs and we are aware of the countercurrent in our heart. Paul describes this experience. "For the flesh (carnality) lusteth against the Spirit (new man), and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary one to the other: so that ye can not do the things that ye would," Gal. 5:17. And he tells us in verse 24, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lust." So then the FLESH of verse 17 is crucified in verse 24. This is an experience that is not strange to unsanctified regenerated people. Two boys were wrestling and there were quite a few onlookers. The little fellow got the big fellow down and began to shout, "Help, oh help." One said, "Why are you calling for help? Haven't you got him down?" "Yes," said the little boy, "but I feel him arising." Many are battling with the sin principle in a regenerated state, and are tempted to give it up, saying, "My evil inclinations, my evil desires almost overcome me."

"Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory." Gal. 4:22-24. Paul used this allegory to describe two covenants, but I am using it as a type of an unsanctified Christian. This battle occurred not only in Abraham's home, but a corresponding battle takes place in the Christian's heart today. "He that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, EVEN SO IT IS NOW. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." Gal. 4:29, 30. Before Isaac was born Ishmael was boss. Before we were born again we were controlled by the carnal mind. "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, . . . . fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind." Eph. 2:2, 3. When Isaac was born, persecution began. Ishmael mocked Isaac. Ishmael answers to the analogy of the flesh-born first, "That which is born of flesh is flesh." Isaac was born second, and answers to the child of the promise, "That which is born of Spirit is Spirit." There were two natures in one home, unlike in their disposition, unlike in nature, unlike in their desires. The two lived in the same tent, but

the Lord said, "Cast out the bondwoman and her son." "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." 1 Thess. 4:3.

REGENERATION DOES NOT ERADICATE INBRED SIN

Paul asserts that some of the Corinthian brethren were "babes in Christ" and were "yet carnal." We may observe that they were brethren, but were yet carnal. 1 Cor. 3:1-3. Again, he commends the brethren at Thessalonica for having sounded out the Word in Macedonia and Achaia, 1 Thess. 1:8, and then he admonishes them to "rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing," etc., prayed for their sanctification. 1 Thess. 5:23. This is evidence that they were unsanctified Christians. Jesus declared that the apostles were not of the world, but yet He prayed for their sanctification. John 17:14-17. Many scriptures could be cited, but time and space do not permit.

THE ORIGINAL CURE FOR THE ORIGINAL SIN

We have seen that sin is dominant in the unconverted, and resident in the regenerated, but many schools of thought offer an all-cure treatment for the original sin. The Roman church offers three methods to destroy sin: First, infantile baptism; second, monastic isolation; third, at last resort to purgatorial fire. The Plegian cure for the original sin is about like the Christian Science cure. It prescribes an imaginary cure for an imaginary disease. It simply denies the real existence of the original sin. The Zinzendorfian cure is said to effect a complete cure of the original sin at birth. The Calvinistic remedy for the original sin is death.

We believe the Scriptures, that after regeneration entire sanctification is necessary to eliminate the positive phase of innate depravity. The sin principle is a disposition, a bias, a proneness called the "carnal mind." It is hereditary and very deep seated in the spiritual nature. The will power can not remove it. All forms of church ceremonies have failed to reach it. The furnace of affliction can not burn it out. Death can not demolish it. The only perfect cure for the original sin is the blood of Christ applied by the Holy Ghost. The Bible is the only trustworthy authority for the cure of sin. We offer some proof that inbred sin can be eradicated or eliminated from the soul of the true believer in this life. We inherited it instantaneously and we get rid of it instantaneously. John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. Sin in the singular means the sin principle. This is generally agreed upon by all commentators.

Let us try the suppression theory. The Bible teaches suppression all right, but it applies to the body. 1 Cor. 9:27. The outward man is to be "put under." The new man is to be "put on," and the "old man is to be put off." 2 Cor. 4:15; Eph. 4:22, 23. If we would keep the body down and under as Paul did, the appetite and fleshly desires, there would not be so much backsliding. Paul did not apply suppression to the old man, but eradication. He said, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." Rom. 6:6. It is one thing to keep the body under and another thing to crucify the old man. For he that is dead is freed from sin itself. We put the outward man under that he may be of service to us, and we put the old man away that we may not serve him. The old man must be destroyed. "He is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." He can't be won to God, so the divine method is crucifixion. Sanctification, according to the Scripture, is a taking away. See Rom. 2:28 and Col. 2:11. The Revised Version translates it "sin," in the singular. So we see that the Bible is on the side of eradication. Every scriptural expression corroborates this view of the question—"Purge out," "cleanse from," "put away," "take away," "put off," "crucify," "destroy," "lay aside," "rooted out," "plucked up," "removed," "purify." It is not enough to brush down the spider web of transgression, but the best remedy is to kill the spider of carnality. The Bible teaches a definite, distinct work of grace. Paul had this kind of an experience. He said, "KNOWING THIS, that the old man is crucified." Anything you know must be definite. We believe that the Bible teaches that the original sin exists and reigns in sinners, and remains in the regenerated until they are sanctified, and that in sanctification the sin principle is eradicated.

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# *Acephalous Multitudes*

REV. FLOYD CAREY

Matthew 18:22

This is the day of acephalous multitudes. On every hand we see those wandering in gross darkness, seeking someone to lead them out of chaos. Men have from the beginning of time had leaders capable of carrying their followers through any difficulty that might arise. Throughout the ages the masses without competent leaders have perished. Old Abraham is the nucleus of our religious trend. Abraham relied on God for his guidance at all times, and he had perfect faith that under His leadership he could safely lead those relying on him to the land promised unto him and his seed. Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with God's people than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season. While Moses was communing with God, receiving instructions as to the safe arrival of the children of Israel at their destination, Canaan's land, Moses, upon returning, found that the children of Israel, without a competent leader, had wandered off into the wilderness, with no one to warn them of the terrible fate awaiting them. Thus lured into idolatry, many perished in sin. Moses, with Aaron as his assistant, led by the pillar of fire at night and the cloud by day, circumnavigated snares set by the wicked one. They were carried through famine, danger from wild beasts, peril from Pharaoh, to their destination. Those that disregarded admonition by their leader were destroyed by the destroyer.

Under the leadership of Joshua, who also looked to God for his help, they were made to possess the land promised unto them. The walls of Jericho, under the persistent leadership of Joshua, were made to fall flat; likewise, the waters of the Jordan were caused to roll back, not by his

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# Following Christ

*By J. L. SUMMERS*

Lesson: John 1:36-42.

Text: John 1:37, *"And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed him."*

Introduction: If the millions of church members in America were all true followers of Christ, we would be more qualified to be called CHRISTIAN AMERICA.

1. Are all church members true followers of Christ? Matt. 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." In other words, we must obey the commandment of Christ to be true followers of Him. In Luke 6:46 Jesus said, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" This scripture alone is enough to prove that a great number that belong to different churches are not true followers of Christ because they do not keep His commandments.

2. Notice John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ. Jesus, speaking concerning him, in Matthew 11:11, said, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist." The question is, How did John acquire this greatness? Answer: His messages never called attention to himself. His only passion was to magnify Christ to the world, and this ought to be the outstanding motive of every Christian. When John was confronted with the question, "Art thou the Christ?" he gave the negative answer, "I am not the Christ."

In Matt. 3:11 he said, "He that cometh after me is mightier than I." Here is where many fail. When the church is blessed with an old-time revival, many times man takes the credit instead of ascribing it to our blessed Lord. It was also written of John, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Oh, minister, let us cry out to the great throngs of people out in the wilderness of sin. Let us help them to find the true way of salvation, that they might join our number and be true followers of Christ.

3. Another of John's Christian motives for us to view and put into practice in our lives, is the fact that he said, "I must decrease but Christ must increase."

James tells us that our life is only a vapor that appeareth for a little while, then vanisheth away; so the little time we have to spend in this world, let us seek to exalt Christ and His Church to a lost world.

4. In John 1:36 we hear those unselfish words spoken by John to his own disciples: "Behold the Lamb of God." He was suggesting that his disciples follow Christ instead of himself, and in the text we read, "The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Christ." Oh, if we could only make this suggestion to the unsaved of this universe in such a forceful manner that they would hear us speak, and not only hear but become followers of Jesus. In order to do this, we must seek to point men and women to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, and not go around saying, "I surely put my church over this year. I won fifty souls to Christ, I led a hundred into the church," etc. This is taking the glory unto ourselves instead of ascribing it to whom it is due—our blessed Christ.

5. The Lord sees His followers. John 1:38 says that Jesus turned and saw them following. Yes, the Lord's eyes are upon the righteous, and His ear is open to their cries.

We might have our companion, our family, our church, and the world, fooled into thinking we are Christians, but Christ cannot be fooled. He knows our everyday life.

Some might even be out posing as holiness preachers and pastoring churches, yet not following Christ as they should. Remember, brother minister, you and I are required to be examples to our churches and to the world. A church will not rise higher than the one who leads it.

6. The question was asked in John 1:38, of those who had begun to follow the Lord, "What seek ye?" This is the very question I wish to ask you: What are you seeking? Why are you in the Church? Are you trying to help the Church go forward? Are you talking for or against the Church? Do you think you are so important that the Church would go down if you left it? Are you seeking a large salary? If so, you had better change positions, because not many preachers ever become wealthy.

Ministry, laity, let us seek the betterment and advancement of the Church of God.

7. "Where dwellest thou?" was the question the disciples asked the Lord, and immediately they received an invitation to inspect His dwelling. Many church members would not give this invitation, for if their homes were to be inspected you would find the Bible covered with dust, and instead of Christian literature you would find comic books, western magazines, checkers, dominoes, etc. Such homes of professing Christians surely need an inspection.

Can we follow Christ in all His dwellings? First, we see Him with the Father before the world was, John 17:5. Next, we see Him in a manger; then in the wilderness where the devil loosed all his power against Him to try to trap Him. And He also was in the Garden of Gethsemane, where He sweat as it were great drops of blood for you and for me. A howling mob came to escort Him to an unjust trial and yet He opened not His mouth. Oh, that we could get to this place with God! Next we see Him on the cross between two thieves, and dying He said, "It is finished." The great plan whereby we might follow Him was now completed. His last dwelling is recorded in Mark 16:19, "He was received up into heaven, and sat down on the right hand of God."

8. John 1:39. The disciples came and saw where He dwelt, and abode with Him. Yes, even unto death the disciples stood true and continued to follow the Lord. Many start to live for Christ and when the battle begins to get hot they retreat to the devil's territory again.

These disciples followed through great trials. They didn't leave the Church the first time they failed to get the church or office they wanted.

Let you and me also be established in the great Church of God in such a way that the devil's deceptions cannot allure us to leave the Church or the Lord.

9. An example to follow is given in John 1:41, 42, where Andrew found his brother and brought him to Jesus.

Let us consider our brother in the

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# Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

## CONVENTION IN THE BAHAMAS

On March 14, at 11:25 a. m., we left Miami for the annual convention in the Bahamas. Just one hour and ten minutes from the time we left the ground, we were rolling along the runway of the Nassau airport.

After a few minutes in the immigration and customs office, Rev. W. R. Franks, the assistant overseer of the Island, was greeting me with his usual smiles and courtesy, and escorted me to the home of Brother and Sister Bertis Pinder, where I knew I would be royally entertained during the convention, as I had stayed there before.

At 7:30 p. m. the service opened with a house full of happy, smiling, shouting people, singing and clapping their hands as they worshipped God "in spirit and in truth."

One thing noticeable in these meetings was that the people did not come for the singing and then leave. Sometimes it was ten o'clock when the sermon was finished, but the house, door, and yard would still be filled with people, listening just as attentively as to the first song. Another was that instead of the children playing over the building or crying and worrying their mothers because of their impatience, they joined in the clapping of hands, singing, and other parts of the worship until they were tired enough to fall asleep.

Although hindered by being held in the busy harvest season, this convention will be long remembered because of the earnest consecration of the saints and the mighty outpouring of the Spirit in our midst. Many were reported saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Rev. W. R. Franks was at his best as he moderated at all the services. He remarked after the close that he was abundantly satisfied with the convention and that it was far above his expectation.

The house was filled and God wonderfully blessed until the last amen was said, about 11:00 p. m. Sunday night. The ministers and members left filled with a holy zeal to work for the salvation of souls.—M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

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### Bahama Convention Wonderful

NASSAU, Bahamas—Dear Evangel Family, kind greetings.

The 24th Annual Convention of the Church of God in the Bahamas has come and gone, and is now on the pages of history. We can gratefully say that it was one of the best conventions we have ever held in our colony. God's great presence was with us throughout the entire sessions, and at times the blessed Holy Ghost would have control of many of the Spirit-filled souls, and, oh! the times of great rejoicing, as the praises and hallelujahs rang out from consecrated hearts and souls filled with love for God and for His dear Son, Jesus our Savior.

FELLOWSHIP

Love seemed to be the central theme of the whole family of saints and it made it so pleasant and easy for the moderator to handle the entire congregation, and most every one seemed to be submissive to the Spirit of God. We all felt as one great family, in our Father's house, and this spiritual liberty became more real after hearing a deeply inspired welcome address delivered by Deacon N. L. Scott.

DELEGATION

Owing to the difficulties of transportation, and other things, we hardly expected a large congregation at our days' services; but to our surprise, the delegates came in from the east, west, north, and south, and even during the day our congregations were good, and at the night services we had to place more seats in the aisles, and even that was not sufficient to accommodate the crowds. Many could be seen standing at the doors, and looking in at the windows, seeking to hear the good tidings of the grace of God, and to behold the demonstrations of the Holy Spirit on the people of God.

It was truly a treat to us to have our highly esteemed Brother M. P. Cross, who we begin to feel is becoming one of us, this having been the third time he has visited us. Brother Cross was at his best, and his messages were deep and inspiring, and very persuasive. He was also very helpful in our business sessions, and his instructions were filled with wisdom and deep spiritual forethought. He is beloved over here in this land of sunshine, and should our dear Lord tarry, we shall be looking for him at our next annual convention, along with others.

COOPERATION

Our brethren worked together harmoniously, and the services were a real pleasure, for most every one seemed to be ready and willing to do his part. Our singing was very good, and ofttimes as the sweet songs of Zion rang out, our people were so filled with spiritual joy that they often gave way to outbursts of rejoicing, which caused the moderator at times to have to stop and wait until the waves of glory had spent themselves before he could proceed with the services. They danced and shouted, they clapped their hands, they waved their handkerchiefs, in praises unto God, for they realized that our days of opportunities for perfect freedom in worship is soon coming to a close. The ministry and workers have expressed themselves as seeing the need of greater activities, and they have left for their various districts with seemingly a strong determination to work harder than before.

We have arranged better plans for our home mission work, and our people have responded generously to the mission drive. We have received in offerings and pledges, approximately $130 for mission work.

The memory of this great meeting will long linger in our minds, and may the plans laid down, and the blessings received in this the 24th annual convention of the Church of God in the Bahamas, pave the way for a great ingathering of souls for the Lord in this portion of His vineyard.—Yours, happy in the service of the Lord, William R. Franks, assistant overseer.

# The Church of God Orphanage

REV. F. R. HARRAWOOD, *Superintendent*

The Orphanage Committee and Superintendent invited the General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, to meet with us Friday evening, April 7, and it was unanimously agreed to employ an architect from Chattanooga, Tennessee, to draw the plans for a new home for the girls. These plans call for a fireproof building, which will take care of one hundred girls, besides the matrons. We hope that by the time you read this, plans will be complete enough for us to present them to the proper authorities for a building permit. Join us in prayer that this much needed building will be erected.

## COUPONS

This is the photostatic copy of the two checks we received in our last coupon drive. The $1,000.39 was sent to us for the coupons and $381.28 as a bonus for these coupons. The money from this drive more than furnished the new home for girls on Barnes Street. Why not put forth a special effort and let us raise enough coupons to buy the furniture for the new Girls' Home.

Brother F. L. Muller, of Greenwood, South Carolina, who is on station WCRS, Greenwood, S. C., sent in 5,043 coupons in the last drive. Brother Muller stated that he mentioned the coupons over his broadcast and in that way hundreds of coupons were sent to him, which he possibly would never have been able to get any other way.

REMEMBER THE DOUBLE VALUE ON THE FOLLOWING COUPONS: OCTAGON TOILET SOAP, OCTAGON CLEANSER, BALLARD'S OBELISK FLOUR.

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### Our Boys in Service

Word was received a few days ago that Ralph Spencer, another of our boys from the Orphanage, was killed in action. Ralph left the Home last year and had only been in the Navy a short time. Be sure and pray for our boys in the service.

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### The Trios Visit Churches

Easter Sunday morning we drove to Rome, Georgia, with a trio from the Girls' Home and a trio from the Boys' Home, with Brother Otis L. McCoy. We had a nice service at Rome and received an offering of $200.25 for the Orphanage. After the afternoon service, we drove to Alabama City, Alabama, and were with Brother L. H. Aultman at an hour's broadcast and then went on to his church that night. The orphanage offering there was $212.30. The boys and girls certainly enjoyed themselves in these two churches.

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### Florida Park

We had tried in vain to get some one to build a fence around the Florida Park. Finally, Brother H. S. Hancock, of Sulphur Springs, Florida, came up and stayed with us over a week and almost completed the fence. We ran out of material and had to wait a few days before we could get any more material, but Brother Hancock could not wait and went back home. The park will be completed by the time this page goes to press.

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### Churches Having Largest Orphanage Offerings for February

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| Alabama | Herrings Tabernacle |
| Arizona | E. Washington |
| Arkansas | Midway |
| California | Los Angeles |
| Colorado | Colorado Springs |
| Canada | Windsor |
| Delaware | Seaford |
| Florida | Jacksonville |
| District of Columbia | Washington |
| Georgia | Macon |
| Idaho | Wallace |
| Illinois | Benton |
| Indiana | Fort Wayne |
| Iowa | Davenport |
| Kansas | Pittsburg |
| Kentucky | Crescent Springs |
| Louisiana | New Orleans |
| Maryland | Baltimore |
| Maine | Lincoln Center |
| Massachusetts | Worcester |
| Michigan | Detroit |
| Minnesota | Herman |
| Mississippi | Columbus |
| Missouri | Nilo |
| Montana | Joliet |
| Nebraska | Omaha |
| New York | Brooklyn |
| New Jersey | Penns Grove |
| New Mexico | Clayton |
| North Carolina | Kannapolis |
| North Dakota | Wahpeton |
| Ohio | Canton |
| Oklahoma | Shawnee |
| Oregon | Salem |
| Pennsylvania | Reading |
| South Carolina | Greenville |
| South Dakota | Mobridge |
| Tennessee | Lenoir City |
| Texas | Port Arthur |
| Utah | Moab |
| Virginia | Danville |
| Washington | Seattle |
| Wisconsin | Mosinee |
| Wyoming | Powell |
| West Virginia | Logan |

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### Churches Having Largest Orphanage Offerings for Month of March

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| Alabama | Bradford |
| Arizona | E. Washington |
| Arkansas | Leachville |
| California | San Pablo |
| Colorado | Denver |

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# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER OBITUARIES

**PRAY FOR:**

The healing of my body, I have had to give my pastorate up on account of my health.—Rev. Morris Wiggins, Box B, Chauncey, Ill.

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The healing of my dear old aunt, she is seventy-three years old and sick and needs the Lord.—Mrs. G. W. Price, Box 61, Toccoa, Ga.

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My husband who is in North Africa; special unspoken request.—Mrs. A. H. McKeown, 659 Cedar St., Rock Hill, S. C.

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My mother, who has been sick a long time with high blood pressure and heart trouble, to be saved and healed.—Miss Gladys Brooks, Lake Lynn, Pa.

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My mother's healing.—Mrs. J. M. Burgess, Rt. 2, West Point, Miss.

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My healing, as my lungs and heart are about to give out.—John H. Thompson, Rt. 4, Lebanon, Pa.

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My mother to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost; my little girl and me to be healed of stomach trouble; my brother somewhere in the South Pacific.—Mrs. Byna Buchanan, Warrior Mine, W. Va.

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My son in Italy to be completely healed; the healing of my eyes.—Mrs. J. J. Bradshaw, Rocky Mount, N. C.

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Me to be healed of stomach trouble. —Mrs. Gordon Johnston, 1221 Standard St., Rock Hill, S. C.

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The complete healing of my body of arthritis.—Mrs. May Milum, Fort Gay, W. Va.

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Me to be healed and my soul saved; my mother to be healed of heart trouble.—Mrs. Kenneth Hayes, Rt. 2, Wheeling, W. Va.

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The healing of Mrs. Hattie Hart's arm, and her soul to be saved.

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The healing of my body of rheumatism.—W. F. Moore, 201 Smith Ave., East Alton, Ill.

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Sister Larkin Taylor, Lubbock, Tex., who has had a stroke.—T. W. Godwin, Weatherford, Tex.

My body to be healed and my soul saved.—Lee C. Swinford, Rt. 4, Fayetteville, Tenn.

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My brother-in-law to be saved and healed of T.B. His address is Chester Adams Fingler, Pinecrest Sanatorium, 2d A, Room No. 6, Beckley, W. Va. Encouragement will be greatly appreciated. My mother who is afflicted in body; my husband.—Mrs. Thelma Weikee, Rt. 1, Box 55, Ronceverte, W. Va.

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My sister to be strengthened and her soul saved; her husband who is in Service.—Berta Crosby, Branch St., Pelham, Ga.

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Marion G. McGill, who is in the Methodist Sanatorium in Albuquerque, N. Mex., to be completely healed.—A. G. Phillips, 538 N. Lavergne Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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Mrs. Lela Spivey, Rt. 1, Fletcher, N. C., to be healed of heart trouble.

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A sister who has been raised from death to be saved.—Mrs. R. V. Fagaly, 1201 E. 39th St., Vancouver, Wash.

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Me to be healed of something like malaria fever. Encouragement appreciated.—Ralph E. Boswell, Rt. 1, Heflin, Ala.

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My husband to be healed and saved; my son in Service overseas; my daughter.—Mrs. Bonnie Williams, Rt. 3, Pomeroy, Ohio.

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The complete healing of my body; my husband who has something wrong with his stomach.—Mrs. J. W. Harper, Rt. 2, St. Albans, W. Va.

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My husband in Service; he needs the Holy Ghost and much encouragement.—Mrs. J. P. Woody, Laurinburg, N. C.

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Me to be healed of high blood pressure and rheumatism; my son in Service.—Mrs. Alice Nicholson, Sylva, N. C.

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God to heal my sick body; undertake for my husband who is in the Armed Forces; our four children.—Mrs. Coy Farmer, Rt. 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.

**COX**

Sister Nancy M. Cox, faithful member of the Church of God at Rocky Hill, Miss., departed this life December 18, 1943. She was seventy-six years old.—Her pastor, P. V. Lord.

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**GRIFFIN**

The Church of God and friends mourn the passing of the infant son of Pfc. and Mrs. James V. Griffin, James Milton Griffin, who was born March 16, 1944, and went to be with Jesus March 17, 1944. The mother is our Y.P.E. captain.—Cecil Hand, pastor, Graham, Ga.

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**DENNIS**

Little Margaret Ann Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Dennis, went to live with Jesus March 23, 1944; age seven months and twenty-four days. She left behind a faithful father and mother of the Church of God, a twin sister and one brother.—An aunt, Mrs. T. O. Dennis, Crewe, Va.

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**TAYLOR**

Our dear husband and father, Thomas W. Taylor, was born August 11, 1862, and departed this life to be with Jesus January 7, 1944. He was a loyal member of the Church of God for twenty-one years.—His wife, Mrs. Nancy V. Taylor, and children, Slaton, Tex.

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**DARR**

In memory of my sweet mother who went home to be with Jesus one year ago.—Her son, Willie N. Darr, Brookhaven, Miss.

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**AKINS**

In loving memory of our dear brother, A. Z., who died somewhere in Australia February 28, 1943, for his country; age nineteen years. A. Z., we hope you are resting in peace; farther along we'll understand. He was the son of Harry N. Akins.—His brother, James Akins, Marked Tree, Ark.

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**BLANCO**

Mrs. Hattie B. Blanco, wife of L. C. Blanco, and a member of the Church of God at Ft. Myers, Fla., passed away March 3, 1944. On March 15 she would have been fifty-six years of age. She had a wonderful testimony for Jesus.—A bereaved daughter, Mrs. Virginia Williams, Ft. Myers, Fla.

# REPORTS

### Revival and District Convention a Success at Wilmington, N. C.

We praise the Lord for the great revival that has just closed here at Wilmington, with the Dunn Trio in charge. Their singing was an inspiration to everyone, and Brother Wroten Dunn brought us some very inspiring, evangelistic messages. Large crowds attended the services. There were forty saved, eleven sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. The revival continued four weeks, with the fourth week bringing us into our district convention.

On Friday evening, March 3, our state superintendent of Y.P.E. and Sunday School, Brother Carl O. Johnson, Jr., brought a very timely message on "Child Delinquency," which was enjoyed by all. The second speaker of this service was Brother Joe McCoy, of Dillon, S. C., who also brought a soul-stirring message.

Saturday evening Brother R. C. Sansbury, pastor at Broad Creek and Morehead City, and Brother C. F. Bradshaw, pastor at Bladenboro No. 1 and No. 2, were the speakers. They did well.

Sunday morning Mrs. V. D. Combs gave a lecture on the Sunday School lesson, "Watching for Jesus." This proved a great blessing to all. At eleven o'clock our state overseer, Brother H. L. Chesser, delivered a great message on "The Church and Its Purpose," which enlightened our hearts and gave us more courage to press on. At the close of Brother Chesser's message a mission offering was given, which amounted to $668.04. The spirit of giving was surely manifested in a great way, as this was the largest mission offering ever received on the Wilmington district. In the afternoon a service was conducted for our service men, by Brother C. O. Johnson, after which an offering was taken for the distribution of the Lighted Pathway to service men. The offering was $25. Mrs. H. L. Chesser, state president of L.W.W.B., gave a good talk on the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band, which was an inspiration to our local band. All churches on the district reported that they were up 100 per cent on all quotas.

Special singing was rendered throughout the convention by the following singers; namely, the Dunn duet, Miss Gladys Delk, Miss Leo Hollifield, Brother Earl Lewis, the Broad Creek trio, the Jarrell sisters' trio and male quartet, of Wilmington.

We appreciate our pastor, Brother V. D. Combs, who was a great help in putting this great convention over the top. I am sure it will long be remembered by all who attended. We desire the prayers of everyone.—Mrs. Ruth Teachey, reporter.

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### Sulphur Springs, Tex., District Convention

The convention for the Sulphur Springs, Tex., district convened at the Sulphur Springs church March 17-19, with Brother G. M. Gilbert, district superintendent, and Brother T. W. Godwin, state overseer, in charge.

We had good crowds, good interest and the sacred presence of the Holy Ghost throughout the entire convention, despite the inclement weather.

Brother Godwin opened the convention proper by reading Psalms 23. His theme was "The Restoration of the Soul." Surely we all felt that our souls were restored in this convention and the wonderful service following on Sunday night when it seemed like God just opened the heavens and poured out His divine love and blessings in our souls.

The mission offering was $270.84, which exceeded that of last year by $152.72. We feel like it was the greatest convention we have ever had on this district.—Mrs. Susie Crabtree, convention clerk.

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### District Convention

The finest convention that has ever been held in this district (including Bottineau, Dunseith and Willow City, N. Dak.) convened in Willow City February 25-27. God's blessings and approval were manifested in numerous ways. The splendid weather, fine attendance, and hearty cooperation of all can be contributed to the fact that God was with us.

This being the first convention in the Dakotas this year, gave us the decided advantage of having a fine choice of speakers on our program. We are sorry, however, that all who were expected could not be present. Our beloved overseer, Brother Glyndon Logsdon, Brother Glen Clark, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, Brother Charles Bowen, of Minot, N. Dak., Sisters June Becker and Hilder Peterson, of Lignite, N. Dak., Evan. P. T. Phillips, of Ohio, and Brother and Sister Miller, of Ryder, N. Dak., were with us.

A special feature of this convention was the fine musical renditions given to us by Brother Phillips. I know that we all considered it a very unusual privilege to be able to hear such fine singing and accordion and piano playing. We were also blessed by the impressive singing of Sisters June Becker and Hilder Peterson.

It will be difficult for us to measure the success of this convention. We know the ultimate results can be measured only in eternity. One of the most impressive parts of the meeting, that we know will have far-reaching effects, was the mission service. The message given to us by Brother Logsdon was a rather unique one in which he gave us some thoughts on what is good about the church. The Lord touched and opened hearts and an offering of $201 was presented to the worthy cause of missions. We appreciate this amount when we compare it with last year's total of $87.50.

Within a very short time we have solicited nineteen subscriptions to the Church of God Evangel. There are many things that convince us that "there is something good about the church."—Hilda Thorp, c|o Dewey School No. 2, Tunbridge, N. Dak.

# REVIVALS

EASLEY, S. C.—Dear Evangel Readers, just thought you would like to know what we are doing here in Easley, S. C. There hasn't been much said, but my, my, there's been lots done! The Y.P.E. just closed a young people's revival with great success—about twenty-four saved, seven sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church. Seven of the ten were young people. Rev. James B. Leonard, of Greenville, S. C., one of our young evangelists in the movement, was our speaker. He is only nineteen years old but on fire for God, against Satan and all his follies. Rev. Carl Ellenburg, of Liberty, S. C., assisted in the service. He is also one of our young ministers just getting started in the work. The revival spirit

is still on; people are praying through.

The Y.P.E. is now in a ten weeks' contest. We are buying instruments for a stringed band with our proceeds. We already have secured a bass violin and an electric straight guitar. God has blessed us with a fine group of Christian young people on fire for God and willing to work, and we have a goodly number of other young people, for we are praying and expecting them to come on in the march for home.

Rev. J. W. Watkins is our pastor, a real man of God and really working hard for the community, church, and upbuilding of God's kingdom.

We love the Easley church and it does our hearts good to see the way we are growing for Jesus. God is blessing us wonderfully. Come be with us and see.—Versell Wood, president Y.P.E.

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SALE CREEK, Tenn.—Dear Evangel Readers, we want to report victory through our Lord Jesus Christ and praise Him for His goodness to us here at Sale Creek, Tenn. We have just closed one of the most successful revivals that has been here in years. We started February 7 and closed February 27. The weather was bad but the power of God was falling in the old-time way, so the people came through rain and cold. There were thirty-two saved, twenty-seven sanctified, twenty-two filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church.

Brother Hunt, our district pastor, was in charge and did some wonderful preaching. The work on this district is moving along nicely under his leadership.

We also appreciate the faithful efforts of Brother and Sister Clark, of Graysville, and all their good people, in helping us make this revival a success. Pray for us.—W. R. Wilbanks, pastor.

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ALTON, Fla.—Mr. and Mrs. T. Z. Bennett have just closed a three weeks' revival at Alton, which was very successful. God blessed in a mighty way. Sister Bennett did most of the preaching as Brother Bennett was quite ill with the flu. She did some real good preaching and their special songs were enjoyed by all. Nine were saved, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and everyone greatly benefited.—Mrs. Barney Osteen, Mayo, Fla.

# TESTIMONIES

### Healed of Heart Trouble

MIAMI, Fla.—I praise and thank God for His precious healing power, which means so much to me. He healed me of heart trouble and nervousness. I pray God will bless everyone who sent up a prayer for me. Pray that I will stay humble so God can use me to His glory. Praise His holy name!—Mrs. J. L. Darley, 2845 N. W. 12th Ave.

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### Shining for Jesus

WINNSBORO, S. C.—I truly praise God for His wonderful love, for the sweet peace I find in living for Jesus. A little over six years ago God wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. It just suits me tonight. I praise God for a husband who fears God and serves Him. God will do great things for us if we will get humble before Him and live where He can use us. We thank God for our dear pastor and his family; they have been a great blessing to God and the people here. The Church of God in Winnsboro is "a light that is set on a hill" and it is shining for Jesus.—Mrs. Bessie Driggers.

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### Praying Brings Happiness

SOUTH BOSTON, Va.—I praise the Lord for saving my soul, sanctifying and baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost. The more we pray the happier we feel. I thank God for it today. I thank Him for my home and two dear little girls. Pray that I will be a true mother in Christ and raise them just like He would have them to be. I thank God for the Church of God in South Boston, Va., which I have been a member of almost two years, also for our dear pastor, Brother C. W. Collins, and family, I thank God for each member. The Lighted Pathway and Evangel have meant lots to me. Pray for my husband and all my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Mary Snow.

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### Doctor Admitted God Healed

BROOKSVILLE, Fla.—Sometime ago my aunt sent a request to the Evangel for prayer for me. I had heart dropsy and was in the hospital at that time, but I got so low the doctor had them bring me home. Three weeks ago the doctor said he could do nothing more for me. Thank God, people were praying for me and God answered. I sweated and passed two gallons of water in a day and night, went back and the doctor wanted to know what happened. We told him God had healed me and he said it must be so, for he couldn't have done it. Please keep praying for me, that God will save me and I can fully trust Him.—Mrs. Magdalene McCall, Rt. 1.

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### God's Power To Heal

NOKOMIS, Fla.—Dear Evangel Readers, I praise my Lord for healing my body this week. I have been suffering much pain in my back since last August. For the past two months it seemed to grow worse; it got so bad at times I could hardly go or use myself. Many times my husband would have to help me up if I stooped over and a few times I would come so near fainting when I would stoop over that I would turn blind and stagger. I went to the doctor and he said I didn't have enough blood to stay up, that I should be in bed, and something was pressing against my back and nerves which was causing the pain. He said I would have to have an operation to remove that trouble. There was a ridge swollen on my back from that pressure. I came home and told the Lord that He knew what that doctor said and I knew if He wanted me to have more blood He could give me a transfusion that would be sufficient. I began to get stronger. I prayed about it two weeks, then I went to church and asked them to pray with me. They didn't hesitate but got hold of the Lord that day and God removed that trouble. I have been getting stronger ever since and the hurting in my back is still gone. Praise His name! I can never praise the Lord enough; He has been so near me ever since. Since then I have had people to ask me if I had makeup on, I had so much more color in my face; but I do not use makeup.

When God healed me a revival broke out, and we have been in a revival all this week. One received the Holy Ghost in the first service and others are being healed. Praise the Lord. Please pray for us at this little church and pray for the healing of another sister's body who has spinal trouble.—Sallie Bennett, Box 191, Venice, Fla.

## ACEPHALOUS MULTITUDES

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power but by the power of God, under His leadership.

Gideon, a godly leader, trusting divine leadership, was able to conquer with three hundred men a mighty army. To the ordinary man, the orders given Gideon by the Lord would sound foolish. God wanted Gideon to have faith in Him, and the children of Israel to have faith in Gideon. The final test for the multiude was that Gideon should accept only those that lapped water like a dog, which eliminated all but three hundred, thereby proving that men can accomplish with competent leadership.

Hezekiah repulsed Sennacherib, the mighty king of Syria, by calling on God for guidance in his hour of peril.

In the latter days we have had great leaders like John Wesley, Martin Luther, and many others, who relied entirely on God. Today we are in need of leaders who will let the fire from heaven burn the dross out of their lives that they might be leaders capable of accomplishing that which God desires them to do. The possibilities for a yielded vessel are unlimited. This day, yield yourself unto the guidance of the Lord.

## CONSIDER THE WHITE HARVESTS

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We just must see the vision of whitened harvest fields. Where there is no vision the people perish. Let us become burdened for missions and our missionaries. David said, "He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, will doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Jeremiah said, "Oh, that mine head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people." We need a burden for the awful condition of this world and a good old-time way of praying through will place it upon our souls.

You may ask, "What would hinder a world-wide program in missions?" Nothing but praying through to a world-wide vision. Peter prayed through to a vision on the housetop. He saw a great sheet coming down from heaven, knit at the four corners. The sheet and contents represented the universe and its various nations. We must all become mission-minded. Don't let anything retard the progress of raising mission money. Keep the big drives going. We think they are what God wants. Remember, dear reader, no spiritual-minded person will oppose the mission spirit, for it is the spirit of Christ.

## FOLLOWING CHRIST

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church here. When the revival was over, did you go off and say, "They all wanted me for pastor"? and when the THEY is found out it is someone who has failed to support the church and pastor, or some old tattler the pastor has had to call before the church and ask to quit so much tattling. Yes, some preachers are looking for just such people everywhere they go.

We should be trying to help our brother instead of to injure him. Following Christ does not mean for me to go back to the place I pastored and go by the parsonage on across town and tell the members the faults of their present pastor. These things bring trouble instead of promoting the Church of God.

10. Last but not least, in following Christ Simon received a *new name.* John 1:42. He was changed from that rough, rugged fisherman to Cephas, being interpreted a *STONE;* or, in other words, Jesus meant that Peter would be a dependable follower, which he proved to be by winning thousands of souls to Christ and dying a martyr's death.

If we stand true to Christ and His Church, continue to be true followers of Him, we, too, will receive a change of names. Rev. 2:17, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white *STONE,* and in the stone a *NEW NAME* written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

During these trying times, let us continue to follow Christ until He comes for His own. Amen.

## ORPHANAGE

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## STATE CONVENTION DATES

April 25-30—Mexico
May 5-7—Oregon-Washington
May 7-14—Colored Assembly
May 9, 10—Idaho
May 12-14—New York, Montana
May 18-21—Indiana, Minnesota-Wisconsin, Wyoming
May 26-28—Mississippi, Colorado, Utah
June 1-4—South Carolina, Louisiana, New Mexico
June 8-11—Virginia
June 9-11—Arkansas, Missouri
June 13-15—Florida (Camp meeting, 13-22)
June 15-18—Georgia
June 22-25—North Carolina, Ohio, West Canada
June 29-July 2—Tennessee
June 30-July 2—Kansas-Nebraska, North and South Dakota
July 6-9—Michigan, Oklahoma, Iowa
July 13-16—West Virginia, Texas, Illinois
July 18-23—Kentucky, Pennsylvania
July 25, 26—Connecticut, Rhode Island
July 28-30—Alabama, New Jersey, New England States
August 3-6—Delaware, Maryland

The dead swell, but the living grow. There is very little, if any, spiritual life in the soul when the head is swelled.

# REVIVALS

Greetings from the Akron, Ohio, church. We praise and thank God for His manifold blessings. We closed a very, very successful revival January [illegible]. It was one of the best we have had since coming into our new church. Brother Cook did the preaching. He announced it two weeks before the new year, in fact, I believe the revival started at that time.

New Year's Eve we had a blessed service of the Lord's Supper and feet washing. My, how the Lord did bless! We were thrilled with love for one another that was shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

The first Sunday of the new year marked the night of the outpouring of the Spirit. He took charge of things. Sinners were held spellbound in their seats. There were three altar services that night. It was wonderful how God met with us. From that night on a holy atmosphere pervaded the church at every service. A young girl came to the service that night who had her arm in a sling because of a fractured bone. God saved her and healed her arm. I'm so glad we serve a God that has a double cure for a double curse. He can save and He can heal at the same operation; not only heals our bodies, but heals our souls' diseases. Praise His dear name!

Brother Cook was at his best for God. He was freshly anointed for each service, to preach in the simplicity of the Word. God surely honored His Word with signs following. Thirty-four were saved, twenty-seven sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-seven added to the church, and sixteen followed the Lord in water baptism. It was wonderful how God got hold of the children, saved them and filled them with the Holy Ghost, and the teen-age boys and girls, too. We praise God for our pastor. He did not stop at folks' being saved, but helped them to press on to deeper experiences, to being sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and water baptism.

The little folks he did not hinder from wanting to join the church. He said the Church was a wall of protection for them in this day and age, that they knew what the Church stood for and would not be so liable to wilfully sin. God surely gave Brother Cook a real vision of the need of the Church. There was love, unity and cooperation. If you missed any service, you were sure to miss a blessing; every service was different. Some testified they were afraid to stay home for fear they would miss something.

At the height of the revival, we had a coal shortage here in Akron, and our coal bin was about empty. Brother Cook announced he would have to close the meeting. Prayer was offered up and God sent in six tons of coal. Now this seemed an impossible thing at this time, the coal yards were empty and we had to have a special kind of coal for the stoker, but God supplied. Another thing we can be thankful for. We serve a God with whom man's extremity is His opportunity to step in and do the impossible. Praise the Lord.

The special singing was good. We have a good quartet too. We thank everybody for the part he played in making this revival a success for God. We thank God for our evangelist.

I think it pays to serve Jesus, don't you? Pray for us, that the revival will continue till Jesus comes.—Maybelle J. Cresty, reporter.

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JESUP, Ga.—The people of Jesup, Ga., are praising God for His wonderful blessings to us here. Brother J. A. Norris, brother to our esteemed district overseer and pastor, has just closed a successful revival in which thirty-one were saved, twelve sanctified, and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, according to reports. We appreciated having Brother Norris and his wife with us. He is an able teacher of music also and taught us a twenty-night singing school before the revival started. We received much encouragement while they were with us and pray that the Lord will continue to give him souls. A number of healings were wrought in our midst. The days of miracles are not yet past. The God of Daniel's day still lives. The stripes that Jesus bore on His back for our healing are still effective. God is still in the healing and saving business. He will surely heal and answer the prayers of those who fully trust and obey Him. I can never get through praising God for the wonderful way He has healed in our home. He has been our healer for the past twelve years and has done some wonderful things for us. Praise His name. Space will not permit an account of them all, but I do want to tell about what He has done recently for me. I was stricken with pneumonia, heart trouble and stomach ulcer and was unconscious for a number of days. Most of the people despaired of my recovery but some of the saints held on to God in my behalf and He healed me without a drop of medical aid. Hallelujah!

May God help us to send the glad tidings to every soul under heaven. Please pray for me and mine, that God will keep us fully consecrated to His perfect will.—B. C. Brown, clerk.

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VALLEY FORGE, Tenn.—We just closed a wonderful revival, Brother A. J. Swift doing the preaching. We had the best revival we have had since our good Brother Head left us. Everyone seems to be revived. Nine were saved, seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. We also had a wonderful time the last night when we took the Lord's supper and had feet washing. The Lord is blessing in every service. We thank the Lord for our good pastor, Brother Johnson. He surely has been a blessing to the church. Brother Swift closed the revival here and started one in Elizabethton with Brother Allen in charge. The Lord is blessing there. We go from here down there and feel at home. I thank the Lord for victory in Jesus.—Mollie Vaughn.

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CHERAW, S. C.—We have just finished a good revival in the Church of God at Cheraw, S. C., Brother Bruce McLendon doing the preaching. Eleven were saved, six sanctified, and two baptized wtih the Holy Ghost. The meeting closed with the observance of the Lord's supper and washing of the saints' feet. Brother McLendon is in evangelistic work at present. Every sermon here was inspiring to the church.—M. C. Suggs, pastor.

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CALWA, Calif.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival here in Calwa. The evangelist was Sister Lillian Astrada, of Salinas, Calif. The Lord blessed wonderfully. Twenty-six found Jesus precious to their souls, eight were sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water, and two added to the church, with Sunday School reaching seventy-nine and expecting one hundred next Sunday. We are also expecting some more to come into the church next Sunday. —V. C. Sechler, pastor, Box 861, Fresno, Calif.

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